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SUBJECT: MBFR: FRENCH POSITION

REF: (A) USNATO 839 (DTG 151300Z FEB 77),
(B) USNATO 456 (DTG 271413Z JAN 77)

1. FRENCH DELEGATION ON FEBRUARY 15 REQUESTED IS TO
INCLUDE IN THE ACTION SHEET OF THE FEBRUARY 14 SPC
MEETING THE STATEMENT OF THE FRENCH POSITION CITED
IN PARA 3, REF A. IS WILL INCLUDE IN ACTION SHEET
FRENCH STATEMENT BASED ON NOTES TAKEN BY IS, AS
COMPARED WITH TEXT UNOFFICIALLY SHOWN TO IS, BY FRENCH
DELEGATION. STATEMENT WILL NOT APPEAR IN QUOTATIONS AS
AN OFFICIAL VERSION OF FRENCH REP'S REMARKS.

2. ON FEBRUARY 16, FRG DELEGATION OFFICER SCHNELLER
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INFORMED US THAT THE FIRST TENTATIVE REACTION FROM
BONN IS THAT THE FRG CAN GO ALONG WITH THE FOOTNOTE
PROPOSED BY FRANCE (PARA 2, REF A) TO APPEAR IN MBFR
WORKING GROUP DOCUMENTS CONTAINING DATA ON FRENCH FORCES
IN THE FRG. HOWEVER, RUTH IS WORRIED BY THE FACT THAT THE
FRENCH REP'S DECLARATION WILL NOW APPEAR IN AN SPC ACTION
SHEET. THIS MIGHT TIP THE BALANCE OF EQUILIBRIUM WHICH
WAS REACHED IN THE DECEMBER NAC GUIDANCE TO THE AHG (C-M
(76)83). RUTH'S TENTATIVE IDEA WAS THAT IT MIGHT BE
USEFUL IF A DECLARATION OF THE DIRECT PARTICIPANTS

APPEARED IN AN SPC ACTION SHEET ALONG THE LINES OF THE DECEMBER NAC GUIDANCE. HOWEVER, RUTH HIMSELF WAS NOT SURE, AND HE HAD ASKED SCHNELLER'S COMMENT. SCHNELLER IN TURN WANTED TO HAVE THE THOUGHTS OF OTHER KEY DELEGATIONS.

3. MISSION OFFICER OBSERVED THE FOLLOWING, ON A PRELIMINARY BASIS. THE FRENCH HAVE NOT MADE THEIR FOOTNOTE CONTINGENT UPON ACCEPTANCE OF THEIR STATEMENT BY THE ALLIED MBFR PARTICIPANTS. THE FRENCH STATEMENT REFLECTS THE FRENCH POSITION. THE POSITION OF THE ALLIED MBFR PARTICIPANTS WAS STATED CLEARLY IN PARA III OF THE DECEMBER NAC GUIDANCE. I THUS DID NOT SEEM NECESSARY TO MATCH THE FRENCH IN AN SPC ACTION SHEET WITH A DECLARATION OF THE POSITION OF THE ALLIED MBFR PARTICIPANTS.

4. KEY DELEGATIONS WILL BE CONSULTING FURTHER ON THIS QUESTION ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17.

5. COMMENT: A DECLARATION IN AN SC ACTION SHEET BY THE DIRECT PARTICIPANTS AS SUCH, REGARDING THEIR POSITION VIS-A-VIS THE FRENCH, COULD LEAD TO FURTHER STATEMENTS BY THE FRENCH. ON THE OTHER HAND, WE WOULD SEE NO DIFFICULTY WITH THE FRG, IF IT WISHED, SIMPLY RECALLING IN AN SPC MEETING PARA III OF THE DECEMBER
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NAC GUIDANCE. FRG DID THIS AT JANUARY 24 SPC MEETING TO COUNTER FRENCH CLAIM THAT SINCE THE ALLIED PARTICIPANTS HAD TABLED DATA ON THEIR OWN FORCES ONLY, DATA ON FRENCH FORCES SHOULD NOT LONGER APPEAR IN INTERNAL ALLIED STUDIES (REF B). END COMMENT.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON COMMENT ON FRENCH FOOTNOTE AND RUTH'S TENTATIVE IDEA. IN ABSENCE OF INSTRUCTIONS BY FEBRUARY 17, WE WOULD TAKE THE LINE DESCRIBED IN PARAS 3 AND 5 ABOVE. STRAUSSZ-HUPE

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